

The WAR CRY

SPECIAL WAR NUMBER



LYATIONIST'S SPLENDID HEROISM IN FACE OF DEATH—"I saw the Salvationist pick up his wounded chum and make a dash for safety. . . . Then I got hit, and the brave fellow put his other arm round me and carried us both off!"

"Over twenty reservists have been called up from Ipswich I. Owing to this depletion the instrumentation of the Band has had to be rearranged: During the week, the Mayor, William Pipe, Esq., J.P., issued an appeal, stating that as fruit was in much abundance this year, he under-



One of the Tents established by The Salvation Army for the use of Kitchener's Army

stood much of it would not be gathered, owing to the cost of picking, packing, and carriage. He therefore suggested to the gardeners and farmers concerned that they should either gather it and send it to the Salvation Army, or if unable to gather it themselves, that they should allow The Salvation Army Life-Saving Scouts to come and gather it.

"A good response has been made to this appeal, and a start will at once be made to convert the fluit into wholesome jam for distribution to needy families. The Scouts have also rendered good service in collecting the useful jam jars. Arrangements are on hand to make one ton of jam. The Mayor is making a grant towards the cost of the sugar. The Scouts' Headquarters, besides being turned into a jam factory, is to be fitted up as a Soldiers' Rest and Correspondence Room. A Brigade of Sisters has been formed to deal with the soldiers' washing and mending."

THE SPECIAL SERVICE LEGION

The comforting and cheering up of bereaved ones and assisting those materially in need is largely done by an organization called the Special Service Legion. This provides that in all large towns twenty or more women Salvationists will comfort and help the wives and friends of those at the front.

It appears that Lord Fisher, the First Sea Lord, inquired at the offices of a London District Committee for information as to what was being done to cheer up the wives of sailors and soldiers. He was informed that The Salvation Army had undertaken to do all that was necessary in that direction.

"We have set apart for it," he was told, "women with tender hearts and cheerful countenances." The remark delighted Lord Fisher. He slapped his thigh in sailor fashion, laughed heartily, and exclaimed: "Splendid; this is the best I have heard yet. I will tell the King about it." It was in connection with this branch of the work that the following took place:—

A Sunderland woman, with five sons in the army, lay dying. Her one desire was to see her boys again, and through the offices of a local Salvation Army Officer, four of the sons serving in England reached home within twenty-four hours. Their expenses were paid by the authorities. The fifth son, however, was at the front and there seemed little chance of the old woman seeing her wish fulfilled. But the Salvationist Officer wired

to the War Office, and back came the reply over Lord Kitchener's signature, saying that if the son could be found he would be sent home, and eventually he landed in time to see his mother before her death. The authorities had paid his expenses and had given him seven days' furlough and rations.

The number of envelopes bearing the words "On His Majesty's Service," and bringing news of sickness, wounds, and death, have been so numerous in Great Britain that the words have quite an ominous appearance; and such a letter is usually productive of the recipient's worst fears. But the contents of such a letter are not always tragic, as the following shows:—

A woman's husband was in the trenches in France. Each day the young wife dreaded the arrival of the postman, lest he should bring the news of her husband's death. One day a letter, "On His Majesty's Service," was handed to her.

AT PRESENT A THOUSAND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WORSHIP ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN VAIN IMAGININGS. IN THE FAR EAST THEY BOW DOWN TO BUDDHA, AND THE HINDU WORSHIPS BRAHMA; THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOOKS TO HIS WITCH DOCTOR, AND THE WEST INDIAN TO HIS OBI CHARM; WHILE THERE ARE STILL SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS WHO PRACTISE INFANT SACRIFICE. YOUR SELF-DENIAL WILL HELP TO BRING ABOUT THE TIME WHEN CHRIST SHALL HAVE THE HEATHEN FOR HIS INHERITANCE.

She felt her worst fears were realized, and that her husband was slain. Her feelings overcame her, and she shrieked in her anguish, and became hysterical.

A Salvationist family knew her, and the mother ran to comfort the "bereaved one." She was weeping and wringing her hands in deepest sorrow, declaring that she would never see her dear one again. The Salvationist saw the letter, had not been opened, and asked how she knew her husband was dead. "Oh, there's the letter—I know what it contains, and could not bear to read the words." "May I open the letter and read it for you?" said the Salvationist. She was given

permission, and this is the way it ran:—

"Dear Madam, I have to inform you that the payment of your bill has been received."

Here are some samples of how the Salvationists regard the Salvationist:—

One man said, "I was awfully leaving my wife and babies yesterday. But last night I went to The Army and I said to the Captain, 'Will you look after my missis and kids while I'm away, and he up and says, 'Why, of course, we will look after them for you. I'll be sure they shall all come to my place for dinner every day while you're away, and we'll help you in other ways.' And I bucked up," he said, "and now I'm all right."

A woman called to inform the Salvationist that her daughter had just given birth to a boy. She said, "Captain, I want to know your name, because we are to call the baby after you." She would be told that she was talking to an Army lady because they had no other name. She said, "But he's a boy." And the Salvationist said, "We are going to come a Salvation Soldier." The child was named after himself.

CHAPLAINS—OFFICERS—OTHERS

The Salvation Army has about 100 Chaplains with nearly every army. We have three Officers with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, with the Indian Captains, and an Officer of the Egyptian with both the Australian and Canadian Forces. The latest Australian and Canadian news that the Commonwealth offered to appoint ten Salvationists as Chaplains to the Australian Forces, as distinct from the Expeditionary Force.

On the Continent of Europe, where the Officers are acting as Chaplains, the German Officer was appointed. The soldiers were being inspired, and the officers were dividing the soldiers' own religious beliefs. Lutherans and Catholics belonging to other persuasions were at the word of command, and called out: "Are there any other religions?" Ensign (Witzel) responded, "Yes, there are."



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Belgian Refugees—Nine thousand wounded Belgian Soldiers and thousands of Refugees have been cared for by The Salvation Army

Army Officer. "A Salvation Army repeated the general: 'then I commiss- Captain to this force.' The appoint- ment received, and later the Ensign was gazetted.

MAN SOLDIER WHO CALLED ON BANK MANAGER IN THE CITY OF ON THE OTHER DAY, WHILE COL- LING FOR SELF-DENIAL, WAS BY HIM, "WHAT ARE SALVA- TIONISTS DOING FOR KING AND COUN- TRY? HAVE NOT HEARD MUCH ABOUT

SALVATIONIST, WHO ADMITTED AND NOT KNOW HOW MUCH HER HUSBANDS WERE DOING AS REGARDS FIGHTING. SAID: "MY HUS- BAND AND BROTHER, WHO WERE RE- SPECTED, HAVE BOTH BEEN INVOLVED FROM THE FRONT AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS, AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY ARE ALSO WITH THE ARMY."

ONE DONE FOR THE SALVATION SAID THE MANAGER: "LET ME HEAR OF YOUR BOX ROUND THE BANK

But Salvationists need not be official Chaplains to afford spiritual consolation. Captain Schmidt, a German Salvation Army Officer, who is a sergeant in one of the regiments fighting in Alsace, was wounded during the battle of Muelhausen, and writing of the incident says:—

"It is impossible to describe the fearful havoc wrought by shell fire. Heads and limbs are scattered to the four winds. I was caught in the leg, and for sixteen hours lay on the battlefield weak from loss of blood and parched with thirst. All around me could be heard the groans of the injured. The men in my company knew I was a Salvationist, and kept on calling out, 'Sergeant, Sergeant, pray help!' I found my guide, and aided by Providence, dragged myself about the field, and was able to comfort many of my comrades and soothe their last moments."

A Salvationist recently told in his testimony how he was aboard the destroyer Liberty which sunk the German cruiser Mainz. There were nine other men on the foredeck, with our com- rade, eight of whom were killed. In the engage- ment he proved that his Salvation was a great help to him. After the fight he was able to go and speak with and cheer his less fortunate ship- mates, who were wounded. Some of their in- juries were terrible, and our comrade assisted in binding up their wounds.

A recent letter from a comrade in Holland says: "A Dutch Officer, who had to leave his Corps, wife, and children, and is now with his regiment at Zutphen, told me that he was able to get a number of his comrades to The Salvation Army Hall, and that five of the men who sleep

APPARENTLY, WITH THE UTMOST ALACRITY, THE WOMEN OF GER- MANY READILY PARTED WITH THEIR GOLD RINGS FOR RINGS OF IRON TO MEET A NATIONAL NEED. WE CAN- NOT HELP ADMIRE SUCH A PATRIOTIC SPIRIT, ALTHOUGH WE MAY HATE THE SPIRIT THAT CAUSED THE WAR. ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE SOMETHING THAT YOU MAY HELP THE SALVATION ARMY IN ITS WORK FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AS WELL AS THE EMPIRE?

AMBULANCE WORK IN NEUVE CHAPELLE

The following is an example of the service rendered by The Army's Ambulance men: The next day was the memorable tenth of March—the first day of the great fight for Neuve Chapelle. All cars were called out for service at six a.m., the Pioneer Unit being ordered to proceed to assist at the advanced station, while the two Ford cars were sent to another part of the line. The succeeding five days will never be forgotten by us. We saw war at its worst! Our men were on duty from Wednesday morning until Sunday night, during the whole of that time hav- ing only two or three spells of a couple of hours' sleep. One driver sat at the wheel for twenty-seven hours at a stretch, took a couple of hours'

close to him each evening now borrow his Bible and kneel in prayer.

RED CROSS WORK

Up to the present The General has provided two Motor Ambulance Units, whose work is to carry the wounded from the clearing hospital to the rear of the firing lines to the distant base hospital or to the ships that carry the wounded to England. These units are operated by Salvationists and have done most valuable work. The first Unit was dedicated by the Lord Mayor of London in the historic Guildhall. The last Unit is named the Queen Alexandra Unit. Her Majesty having been pleased to inspect and name them. Her Majesty, placing her hand on the foremost car, said, "I have much pleasure in naming this car the 'Alexander Car,' and I wish it good luck, and God's blessing on its mission."

Each car has the Red Cross and the words "Salvation Army" in French and English, and is operated by Salvation Army Officers and Salvationist orderlies and drivers. Our Officers have shown themselves so efficient that at least one has been put in charge of an Imperial Ambulance Section of seventeen cars. In connection with this branch of Army operations we have dealt with one thousand wounded Belgian soldiers on our Farms and in our Hostels, thousands of whom have returned to the defence of their native land; others will never fight again, and a number of them are on our Farms in South Africa.

rest, and went on again. Every man of the Unit rendered yeoman service, and, as a military medical officer remarked, their splendid fortitude was a tribute to temperance, non-smoking, and clean living.

The grandest moment of that terrible five days was when, in response to a call for volunteers to go to the firing line, three of our men (the only three Salvationists present) offered themselves. The danger was immense, for a fearful artillery



The Salvation Army Officers hold meetings with the soldiers in France, and when, to the accompaniment of the guitar, the Officers start singing a beautiful Salvation song, the men quickly gather round and join in the choruses.



Interiors of the Huts erected on Salisbury Plain by The Salvation Army

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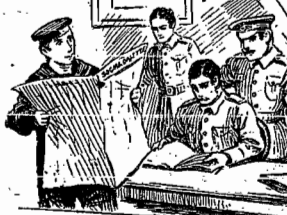


10,000 Salvationists
including 1,800
Bandsmen are
at the Front

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9,000
Belgian Soldiers
have passed
S. A. lines

Books and Papers
for the Troops



Hearly Services
in the Camps



Caring for the Wounded
at the Front



Bad News
Good Angels
of Comfort

The
Unofficial
Chaplain
in the Trenches



Salvation Sailor witnessing
for Christ to
Shipmates



Welcome Visitors
at the
Hospital



Wholesome
Refreshments



A Pictorial Description of the Humanitarian Work on behalf of British Forces that is carried on by The Salvation Army

YOUR SELF-DENIAL GIFT WILL HELP THIS WORK

THE humanitarian and spiritual activities of The Salvation Army amongst the British soldiers who are fighting for King and country comprise two Motor Ambulance Units of eleven cars, for the conveyance of wounded men from the firing line to the base hospitals; three hundred Tents and Hutments for the spiritual and social welfare of Kitchener's Army in training; five hundred of our

Officers are on Relief Committees; three official Chaplains of Honourary Captains are with the Canadian Forces; many unofficial Chaplains with nearly all the belligerent forces; hundreds of women Salvationists, with tender hearts and strong arms, visit and comfort the bereaved. In both France and Belgium Salvationists visit the hospitals and comfort the wounded.